

HE IS SWINDLED BY FOREIGNERS

Spaniard and Italian Work Flim-flam Game on Antik and Get \$340.

His confidence in two strangers, a Spaniard and an Italian, yesterday cost Michael Antik, who conducts a confectionery store at 622 North Sixth Street, \$340 in cash. The two swindlers, both of whom are unidentified, escaped.

Accompanied by his friend, M. H. Vranian, of 929 East Broad Street, Antik rushed into police headquarters yesterday shortly after noon, telling an incoherent tale in broken English of having been robbed of his bank roll. He was so excited and gesticulated so wildly that it was with difficulty that he was restrained by Captain of Detectives McMahon. He was finally quieted, and, with Vranian acting as an interpreter, he told his story.

Vranian said that the Spaniard and Italian came to the store yesterday morning and asked to borrow \$20. They explained that they had nothing smaller than a \$100 bill, and that they needed change. They said Antik could hold the \$100 bill until the afternoon, when they would repay him the \$20 and get their \$100.

Had Drawn Money. Antik had just returned from the bank, where he had drawn out \$340. The Spaniard produced a neat, black tin box, and told Antik he might have his money in it. Antik placed the box to keep his money in. Antik placed his cash in the box, and handing it to the Spaniard, the latter apparently put his bank note in and returned it. Antik locked it and put it away, and the Spaniard and Italian left his place.

Antik's suspicion was aroused short-

ly after the strangers' departure. He opened the box, and instead of the green and yellow backs, he found a great wad of torn newspapers. The box had been switched for a duplicate after he had put his money in it. As soon as the swindle was reported, descriptions of the flimflammers were wired to all nearby points.

The Italian is said to be about thirty years old and very dark. The Spaniard is said to be about thirty-four years old, with brown hair and eyes and a round, red face.

ASK FOR DIVORCE

Attorney Beverly Files Suit for Mrs. M. L. Hubbard Against Husband.

In the notice of a suit for divorce which Attorney W. W. Beverly filed in Henrico Circuit Court yesterday for Mrs. M. L. Hubbard, who is suing for a divorce from her husband, T. J. Hubbard, non-support and threats on the life of the plaintiff were alleged as grounds for the action.

The filing of the papers followed the trial before Magistrate Puryear Thursday afternoon, when Hubbard was placed under bond of \$200, after testimony had been entered to show that he drew a pistol and threatened to kill his wife on the night of Saturday, December 7. Along with the other papers in the action was an injunction issued by the court restraining Hubbard from molesting his wife or going to his former home at Laurel, where she still lives.

It was stated in the bill that the Hubbard family formerly lived in this city, and that Mrs. Hubbard kept a boarding house at Twelfth and Marshall streets. Even during that time, it is charged, she was forced to furnish a large proportion of the family's support.

The wife asks for the custody of her two children, K. Ruth Hubbard, aged nine, and Richard Byron Hubbard, aged five. There are, in addition, four children either of age or already heads of families.

Mr. Hubbard is a baker, working at Ashland. Mrs. Hubbard was Miss Margaret L. Watkins, of Petersburg, before her marriage, which took place on June 4, 1888, in Halifax County, N. C.

News of South Richmond

FIREMAN RESIGNS

Rumors That Unpleasantness in Southside Company May Cause Investigation.

The resignation of Clarence C. Wright, the youngest member of Engine Company No. 13, has been received by Chief William G. Joynes, of the Richmond Fire Department. It will be forwarded to the Board of Fire Commissioners for official action.

The resignation of Wright is causing considerable comment on the southside. It is freely rumored that all is not well in the ranks of the Southside fire fighters, and that several more resignations will be tendered in the near future. The men are reticent and will not discuss the matter.

Rumors of the unpleasantness reached Chief Joynes, and yesterday, accompanied by Assistant Chief Raffo, an official visit was paid to the Southside. Each member was called into a private room and closely questioned. The examination lasted for several hours.

Chief Joynes last night stated that he had discovered nothing calling for official action on his part. His findings will be made to the Fire Board at the next meeting. It is probable that an investigation will be made at its order.

Wright has been a member of Engine Company, No. 13, for about nine months. His record is excellent. His friends do not hesitate to say that his resignation was caused by dissatisfactions with actions of his superiors, which he could not resent while a member of the department.

Sues for Large Sum.

Suit was instituted yesterday in Hustings Court, Part 2, by Sidney J. Robertson, administrator, against the Virginia Railway and Power Company. Damages in the sum of \$10,000 for the death of Millard J. Robertson, who

was fatally injured by a fall from a Hull Street car, are sought. J. C. Page and David W. White represent the plaintiff. No declaration was filed with the attorney's memorandum.

Robertson, whose alleged wrongful death is the cause of the suit, was a passenger on a Hull Street car about one month ago. He was standing on the platform and while the car was going at a rapid pace fell headlong to the street. He never regained consciousness and died within a few hours.

General News Notes.

Manchester Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., will meet Monday night at Masonic Temple, Cowardin Avenue and Hull Streets, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

The Swansboro School and Civic League meet yesterday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Norvell. Plans for raising funds to pay for laying cement walks around the new school and other improvements were discussed. An entertainment given last night at Milby's Hall was well attended, and a neat sum realized.

Harry Morrisett, of Swansboro, who has been employed as a stenographer in the office of Colonel Boykin, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, has been promoted to private secretary.

O. J. Andrews, who has been confined to his home for several months by illness, is no able to be about.

Injured by Saw.

While at work yesterday at the Richmond Wood Working Company, in Chesterfield County, L. A. Seay, of Oak Grove, was badly cut by a saw. He was given medical attention by Dr. E. G. Hill, who found it necessary to amputate the thumb and second finger of the right hand. Seay was taken to his home on Edwards Avenue.

Woodmen Elect Officers.

Maple Camp, No. 152, Woodmen of the World, met last night at Fraternal Hall and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: John L. Inge, counsel commander, becomes past counsel commander; E. N. Bailey was elected counsel commander; S. E. Phillips, adviser lieutenant; T. C. Gibson, banker; T. J. Smoak, clerk; W. H. Martin, escort; T. E. Taylor, watchman; S. C. Shepherd, sentry; Dr. E. T. Rucker and Dr. E. G. Hill, physicians; J. T. Willard, G. W. Jewett and George A. Bailey, managers.

Small Fire Does Slight Damage.

Engine company, No. 13, was called out yesterday morning at 3:30 in response to a still alarm from Twentieth and Bainbridge streets, where a watch box on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway had caught fire from a defective fuse. No trouble was experienced in extinguishing the flames, which had not gathered any headway. The damage was slight.

Records Property Transfer.

Leo E. Ullman yesterday, according to a deed of bargain and sale offered for registration in the office of Clerk Walter E. DuVal, transferred to J. J. Hancock a parcel of property fronting thirty-five feet on the west line of Eleventh Street, between Stockton and Bainbridge. The lot has a depth of 122 feet. The price was set at \$10 and other valuable considerations.

Fined for Beating Cripple.

Russell Kahn, a young Southside butcher, was fined \$10 and costs yesterday before Justice H. A. Maurice in Police Court, Part 2, for an unprovoked assault on a cripple. No other cases were on the docket.

Nothing of importance was done yesterday in the Swansboro Court, the weekly session of which was held in Milby's Hall, with Squire S. G. Cowan on the bench.

To Try Molders To-Day.

Nine molders, charged with disorderly conduct in the saloon of C. M. Powell, of West Seventh Street, ten days ago, will be given a hearing this morning before Justice Maurice. The men are accused of taking part in a general row, which resulted in serious injuries to a companion, Ashburne Tramm.

Suit Comes Up To-Day.

The suit of Zack Valaski against the Virginia Railway and Power Company will come up this morning before Judge Ernest H. Wells in Hustings Court, Part 2. Damages in the sum of \$2,500 for injuries received by being thrown from a buggy, which was struck by a street car, is sought.

ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

Ashland, Va., December 12.—Pursuant to a call issued a few days ago, several young men of Ashland met in Crews' Hall on last Tuesday night to organize a young men's literary society. Henry G. Ellis was elected temporary chairman, and George A. Bowles, temporary secretary. A committee of the following young men

was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws: W. M. Hale, W. K. Jones and C. B. Jones, Jr. A committee consisting of C. B. Jones, Jr., chairman, E. S. Cardozo and George A. Bowles, was appointed to solicit membership for the permanent society, the meeting to be held December 17, at 8:15 P. M.

Leonard Delarue, while going to Richmond on last Monday afternoon by the Telegraph Road, was held up at Chickahominy River Bridge by two white men, who ordered him to throw up his hands. Mr. Delarue happened to be armed, drew his pistol and the men fled.

Mrs. Hill Carter, Jr., entertained the Matinee Euchre Card Club on Wednesday afternoon.

Little Miss Hazelton Blunt, of Richmond, is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. G. P. Delarue.

Walter Harrison, who is at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Richmond, is improving rapidly.

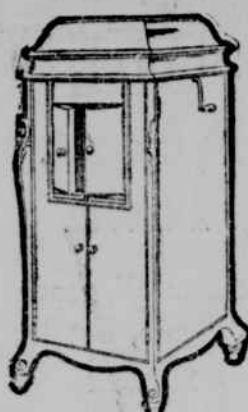
Miss Annie Macon Potts will be at home on Monday afternoon from 5 to 6:30 o'clock, in honor of Misses Caroline Midyette, of Ashland, and Mary Garth, of Charlottesville.

Mrs. B. Morgan Shepherd and Charles Denoon have returned from a short visit to Norfolk.

"Bernard Shaw's Plays" was the subject of an interesting paper read by Miss Anne Pendleton Hunter at the Young Ladies' Literary Club on Thursday afternoon, and "Man and Superman" was discussed by Misses Stuart Blanton, Marion Lasher, Lee Goodwin and Marguerite Wightman. Miss Caroline G. Vandiver led the discussion of current events.

A handkerchief shower was given this afternoon by the Young Ladies' Literary Club in the home of Mrs. W. C. Blanton in honor of Miss Caroline J. Midyette, whose wedding to be held at the Blanton home next Wednesday. The house was attractive with decorations of holly, Christmas greens and

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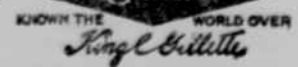
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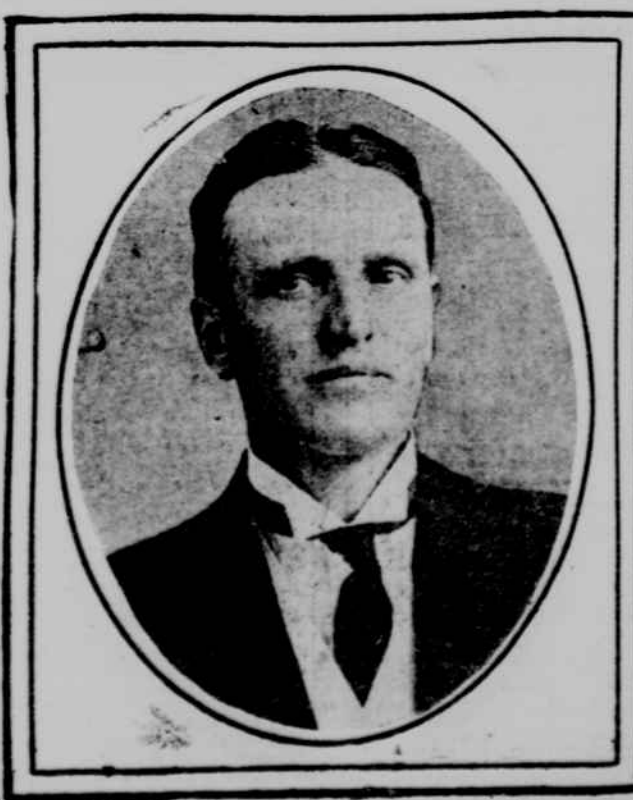
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